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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT: Functions and Responsibilities - Technical Section

1. During recent weeks, I have received several inquiries concerning the functions and responsibilities of the newly formed Technical Section, Operations Branch. These inquiries have centered primarily around concern of a possible conflict of responsibilities between the Technical Section and the Development or Materiel Branches of DPD. The Technical Section was established to avoid, rather than induce, such conflicts and to reduce the "grey areas" of responsibility previously existing between the operational requirement phase, evaluation phase, development phase and the operational commitment of a system. Within the Operations Branch, I feel there is a definite need for a section to serve as the focal point for technical matters. Since its formation, the Technical Section has assumed the responsibility for monitoring the operational aspects of the following listed programs:

- a. Granger mod 504
- b. P2V Defensive ECM Position
- c. DF Homer Beacon
- d. RB69 Night Photo Capability
- e. Radar Recording Camera for C-130
- f. Evaluation of DZ Homer Beacons
- g. C-54 and C-118 cargo doors
- h. Evaluation of AD-5
- i. K Band receiver for P2V
- j. ALQ 28 Receiver for P2V
- k. Dual Oxygen Regulator
- l. Modified Seat Pack - Q270
- m. X-15 Helmet
- n. Destructor Device for P2V
- o. Radar Equipment P2V

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2. It should be noted that the programs listed above are not research and development items as the R&D has, in most cases, been completed. They are also not logistic or materiel problems since they do not, in their present phase, require supply support or maintenance services. The above listed programs are typical, not inclusive, of the responsibilities of this Section. Since the Section consists of individuals qualified on various technical specialties, they are the group to which the Chief, Operations Branch, would logically look to for guidance or recommendation concerning technical aspects of an operational problem or system development. Their services are, concurrently, available to other Branches of DPD which may require Technical Assistance.

3. In the past, the functions now being accomplished by the Technical Section were accomplished by individually assigned Project officers within the Operations Branch. Due to the complexity of the various projects, the assignment of a Project officer was not considered to be in the best interest of operations.

4. I have no strong feelings concerning the physical location or assignment of responsibilities and functions which I have assigned the Technical Section. However, regardless of their assignment, the requirement to fulfill these functions will remain and they must be performed.

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